

RETIREE TAX — FEDERAL LABOR POLICY

185. Mrs A.K. HAYDEN to the Minister for Seniors and Ageing:

I have a supplementary question. Given that the minister supports Shorten's retiree tax —
Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! Let us just hear it.

Mrs A.K. HAYDEN: Given that the minister supports Bill Shorten's retiree tax —

Dr A.D. Buti: There is no retiree tax!

The SPEAKER: There will be for you soon, because you are on your second call. Members, I want to hear this.

Mrs A.K. HAYDEN: Will the minister talk to Mr Shorten and explain to him how this will have a massive impact on Western Australian seniors or will he just support it?

Mr M.P. MURRAY replied:

From the Western Australian government side of things, we are supporting seniors endlessly. We are pushing every barrow that we have, because we know we have an ageing community. We will have extremely limited resources if the member's government does not come in behind us and give us a hand. In the meantime, we are working very hard with all the advocacy groups to make sure that our seniors are supported. Elder abuse is only one part of that; there are financial and other areas. We are looking at all those programs, and, when our budget comes up, members opposite will get a surprise.

The SPEAKER: That is the end of question time.